

MINUTES OF THE  
MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
May 14, 2003  
MAG Office Building - Saguaro Room  
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Terry Ellis, Peoria, Chairman  
Mike Hutchinson, Mesa, Vice Chairman  
Bryant Powell for George Hoffman,  
    Apache Junction  
Kristin Skabo for Todd Hileman, Avondale  
Joe Blanton, Buckeye  
\*Jon Pearson, Carefree  
\*Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek  
    Pat McDermott, Chandler  
    Christine Nunez for Dick Yost, El Mirage  
#Tim Pickering, Fountain Hills  
    David Evertsen, Gila Bend  
\*Urban Giff, Gila River Indian Community  
    George Pettit, Gilbert  
    Ed Beasley, Glendale  
    Stephen Cleveland, Goodyear  
    Tom Morales, Guadalupe

\*Horatio Skeete, Litchfield Park  
    Tom Martinsen, Paradise Valley  
    Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix  
\*Cynthia Seelhammer, Queen Creek  
    Jacob Moore for Bryan Meyers, Salt River  
        Pima-Maricopa Indian Community  
    Jan Dolan, Scottsdale  
    Sintra Hoffman for Bill Pupo, Surprise  
    Will Manley, Tempe  
    Reyes Medrano for Ralph Velez, Tolleson  
    Shane Dille, Wickenburg  
    Mark Fooks, Youngtown  
    Dale Buskirk for Victor Mendez, ADOT  
    Tom Buick for David Smith,  
        Maricopa County  
    Ken Driggs, Valley Metro/RPTA

\*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

# Participated by videoconference or telephone conference call.

1.     Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Ellis, Peoria, at 12:05 p.m.

Chairman announced the passing of Paul Nordin, former Fountain Hills Town Manager, on May 12 at the age of 51. He remembered Mr. Nordin as a good friend, colleague and teacher who will be greatly missed. Chairman Ellis announced the arrangements for Mr. Nordin's services. A moment of silence was observed in Mr. Nordin's memory.

2.     Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Ellis stated that transit tickets were available following the meeting from Valley Metro/RPTA. Parking validation was available from MAG staff for those that parked in the parking garage.

Chairman Ellis announced that Tim Pickering was attending the meeting via telephone conference call. He reminded Committee members to have their microphones turned on when

speaking so that those participating via telephone could hear the meeting. Mr. Pickering acknowledged he was present and could hear the meeting.

Chairman Ellis introduced Interim City Manager Pat McDermott, Chandler.

Chairman Ellis noted that revised summary transmittals for agenda items #5C, Conformity Consultation, #5D, Small Plan Review and Approval Process for the Proposed Desert Oasis Wastewater Treatment Facility, #8, Federal Fiscal Year 2003 Interim Year End Close Out - Street Sweepers, and #9, Draft MAG Carbon Monoxide Redesignation and Maintenance Plan for the Maricopa County Nonattainment Area were at each place.

3. Call to the Audience

Chairman Ellis stated that public comments have a three minute time limit and there is a timer to help the public with their presentations. When two minutes have elapsed, a yellow light will come on notifying the speaker that they have one minute to sum up. At the end of the three minute time period, a red light will come on. Chairman Ellis stated that for members of the audience who wish to speak, comment cards are available from the staff. Staff will then bring the cards to the Chairman. Public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for non-agenda items.

Chairman Ellis recognized public comment from DD Barker, who stated that she started coming to MAG meetings because of Dick Bowers. She expressed appreciation for the outreach efforts by the Management Committee for open meetings, and noted the upcoming meetings of the Management Committee, Transportation Policy Committee, and Regional Council in May, June and July. Ms. Barker commented on the population projections in *The Arizona Republic*, and noted that Surprise and Buckeye are projected to grow more than those cities in the current top five. Ms. Barker stated that the entire region will see exploding growth, and many traffic and air quality problems will come with that growth. She stated that all are in this and together can find solutions. Chairman Ellis thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

4. Executive Director's Report

Dennis Smith stated that oral arguments for PM10 lawsuit will be held on June 9, and a court decision could come at any time following these arguments. He advised that if the Center wins and the court vacates the plan approval, major industries will be hit immediately (utilities and rock products). Within 5 months, federal highway funds will be lost, major transportation projects stopped, and EPA plan imposed unless the situation is remedied.

Mr. Smith stated that MAG hosted an information booth at Sunday on Central on April 13. He noted that approximately 50,000 people attended the event. The booths for Valley Metro, Valley Metro Rail, ADOT and MAG were placed next to each other, and more than 200 transportation surveys were filled out.

Mr. Smith announced that Regional Transportation Plan Public Workshops are scheduled for May and June to receive input on the Regional Transportation Plan.. The dates include: May 22 in Central Phoenix - ASU Downtown; May 29 in the Northwest Valley - Thunderbird Graduate School; June 3 in the Northeast Valley - Horizon Community Center; June 4 in the Southwest Valley - Estrella Community College; June 5 in the Southeast Valley - Mesa

Centennial Center. Mr. Smith stated that a media briefing was held the morning of May 14. He added that Transportation Policy Committee members Mayor Neil Giuliano, Mayor Elaine Scruggs, and Mr. Marty Shultz participated in the briefing, which will be televised.

Mr. Smith stated that the Continuum of Care has been selected to participate in a study involving analysis of HMIS data collected from a nationally representative sample of over 70 Continuums of Care. The goal is to produce an unduplicated count of homeless people, provide a general descriptive profile of the homeless population, and identify resources required to address their needs. Mr. Smith stated that the results of the research will form the basis for the nation's first Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress in 2005.

Mr. Smith reminded members to submit names from their jurisdiction for Community Emergency Notification System Stakeholders Working Group. He added that a workshop for the Working Group has been scheduled for May 27 at the South Mountain Environmental Education Center. Chairman Ellis thanked Mr. Smith for his report.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chairman Ellis stated that public comment will be received before taking action on the consent items. Each speaker is provided with a total of three minutes to comment on the consent agenda. After hearing public comments, any member of the Committee can request that an item be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually. Chairman Ellis stated that agenda items #5A through #5E were on the consent agenda.

Chairman Ellis recognized public comment from Ms. Barker, who commented on agenda item #5B, Consultant Selection for the Phase II MAG Grand Avenue Major Investment Study. She stated that in the April meeting minutes, Mr. McCrossan stated that the High Capacity Transit Study did not address BRT on Grand Avenue. Ms. Barker requested that the consultant for this study, HDR Engineering, look into multimodal and BRT along Grand Avenue. Chairman Ellis thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

Ms. Dolan moved to recommend approval of consent agenda items #5A, #5B, #5C, #5D, and #5E. Mr. Cleveland seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

5A. Approval of April 9, 2003 Meeting Minutes

The Management Committee, by consent, approved the April 9, 2003 meeting minutes.

5B. Consultant Selection for the Phase II MAG Grand Avenue Major Investment Study

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended the consultant firm HDR Engineering, Inc. to conduct the Phase II MAG Grand Avenue Major Investment Study for an amount not to exceed \$480,000. In June 2002, the Regional Council approved an amendment to the FY 2003 MAG Unified Planning Work Program to include funding for a Phase II Major Investment Study for Grand Avenue south of Loop 101. The purpose of the study is to identify and recommend near and long term improvements for the corridor, considering multi-modal needs. A request for proposals was advertised and two proposals were received. A multi-agency steering group evaluated the proposals and reached a consensus that the consultant firm HDR Engineering be selected to conduct the study for an amount not to exceed \$480,000.

5C. Conformity Consultation

The interim year end closeout of the FY 2003 federally funded program requires an amendment to revise two projects in the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. The amendment includes \$1.6 million in additional funding for the remaining eleven sweepers from the Prioritized List of Proposed PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2003 CMAQ Funding that was approved by the MAG Regional Council in October 2002. In addition, the City of Scottsdale has requested to purchase two PM-10 certified street sweepers in exchange for another project targeted at paving dirt road shoulders. Also, the Town of Gilbert has requested to purchase one PM-10 certified street sweeper in exchange for another project targeted at paving a neighborhood street. These projects are considered minor project revisions which do not require a conformity determination.

5D. Small Plant Review and Approval Process for the Proposed Desert Oasis Wastewater Treatment Facility

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the proposed Desert Oasis Wastewater Treatment Facility as part of the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan. The City of Surprise has requested that MAG review the proposed Desert Oasis Wastewater Treatment Facility through the Small Plant Review and Approval Process of the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan. The facility would have a capacity of 350,000 gallons per day. The wastewater would be disposed in designated disposal sites. Located within three miles of the project, the City of Peoria has indicated that they do not object to the proposed facility and Maricopa County supports the facility with conditions.

5E. Regional Annual Report - Table of Contents

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the draft Table of Contents for the Regional Annual Report. In December 2002, the Regional Council approved the preparation of a Regional Annual Report that would measure performance indicators for calendar year 2003. In doing so, the Regional Council directed that the Table of Contents for the Regional Annual Report should be prepared with the input of the Planners Stakeholders Group, and approved by the MAG Management Committee and the MAG Regional Council prior to starting work. The draft Table of Contents contains seven broad areas that describe regional sustainability. In each of these, there are performance indicators for comparison to other regions; in four of these, there are performance indicators for metro Phoenix itself.

6. Regional Transportation Plan Update

Eric Anderson provided an update on the development of the Regional Transportation Plan that is being developed by the Transportation Policy Committee. Mr. Anderson encouraged attendance by citizens at the transportation workshops. After a review of the major regional revenue resources, Mr. Anderson updated members on the major steps being undertaken in the RTP process. Mr. Anderson explained that three scenarios were developed: Scenario A, freeway emphasis, Scenario B, arterial emphasis, and Scenario C, transit emphasis. He displayed maps and provided descriptions of the three scenarios. Chairman Ellis thanked Mr. Anderson for his presentation. He announced the promotion of Dale Buskirk to ADOT Transportation Planning Director.

7. Update on MAG Town Hall on Transportation

Tom Remes addressed members on the Town Hall on transportation held on March 28, 2003. He stated that more than 500 invitations were sent, and 100 “Regional Visionaries,” attended the event. Mr. Remes noted that local leadership groups were invited in order to receive input from those groups who have not typically had a voice in the transportation planning process. Mr. Remes expressed his appreciation to the Town Hall Steering Committee: Stephen Cleveland, Mayor Wendy Feldman-Kerr, Mayor Joan Shafer, Evelyn Casuga, Valerie Manning, and Dean Cooley. He stated that the report on outcomes from the Town Hall is being finalized and will be mailed out shortly. Mr. Remes reviewed the demographics of the Regional Visionaries. He stated that the Regional Visionaries participated in breakout sessions to determine what they liked and disliked about transportation, improvements needed, and possible solutions. He added that an electronic voting system was used at the end of the day to summarize the thoughts of the participants.

Mr. Remes displayed the list of priorities developed by the participants that included synchronization of traffic signals, intelligent transportation systems, completion of the arterial network, expanding regional roads of significance, high capacity transit, light rail, standardized traffic control, expanding existing freeways, bicycle and pedestrian, more HOV lanes and incentives, carpooling, more rapid transit buses and transportation for disabled, commuter rail, more park and ride lots, smaller more flexible transit, more buses, telecommuting, enhancing law enforcement on freeways, and creating a truck bypass. Mr. Remes stated that participants were asked how they would split \$100. The respondents split the money at 22 percent for street and road improvements, 27 percent for freeways, 32 percent for light rail transit, 17 percent for bus service, and two percent for other priorities, such as bike and pedestrian projects. Mr. Remes stated that participants suggested topics for future town halls, with environmental issues and land use planning/zoning being the most often mentioned. He displayed a list of the firms that sponsored the Town Hall and noted that more than \$15,000 in sponsorships was collected, which covered most of the costs of the event. Chairman Ellis thanked Mr. Remes for his report.

Ms. Dolan asked if there was a list of participants in the event. Mr. Remes replied that a list of participants would be included in the final report. He noted that leadership groups, the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce, Valley Forward, and member agencies were contacted for names of people to participate in the event. Ms. Dolan asked the number of attendees. Mr. Remes replied that approximately 100 people participated in the event, plus technical advisors and observers.

Mr. Fairbanks commented that the Town Hall was a very worthwhile effort. He expressed concern with the demographics on the Regional Visionaries that showed that 45 percent had a combined income exceeding \$100,000. Mr. Fairbanks commented that this is not very representative of those we serve. He suggested that in the future, we need to address economic, as well as gender and ethnicity diversities. Mr. Fairbanks stated that for a first-time event, it is rare to see one so well done and expressed congratulations.

Ms. Dolan stated that ensuring diversity of a number of factors is important. She noted that representation by small growing communities is also needed, those communities that perhaps do not have leadership groups.

Mr. Manley commented that it was surprising that there is so much support for bus and light rail in the \$100,000 income level. Mr. Manley asked if there could be a breakdown of support by income level. He commented that he would assume that there would be indications of support at lower income levels. Mr. Remes noted that would be reflected in the final report. He added that by use of the electronic voting system, a breakdown could be ascertained.

Mr. Fairbanks commented that it was good to know that the higher income groups supported transit.

Ms. Dolan questioned whether support equated use.

Mr. Fooks commented that he attended the function along with two of his councilmembers, and felt the results were very interesting.

Mr. Remes stated that the cities of Phoenix, Scottsdale, and Mesa assisted the event by providing the electronic voting system.

Chairman Ellis noted that Mr. Crowley had submitted a request for public comment, however, no public comment was taken because this item was not for action.

8. Federal Fiscal Year 2003 Interim Year End Close Out - Street Sweepers

Mr. Cleveland, Chair of the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee (AQTAC), stated that the AQTAC participated in the close out process. He commented that not adhering to the process can create a snowball effect. Mr. Cleveland explained that the City of Scottsdale and the Town of Gilbert were in a situation where they would be unable to implement projects and offered to move their projects to the purchase of street sweepers. Then, the snowball effect began, when Chandler, Buckeye and Surprise heard about the change and by that time, there were additional requests. Mr. Cleveland noted that lengthy discussion took place at the AQTAC meeting to discuss the requests. He advised that the important thing to remember is that the close out process is a defined point in the process. To bring in last minute projects into the mix at the last minute may exacerbate a usually calm exercise. Mr. Cleveland stated that the AQTAC recommended that Scottsdale and Gilbert be allowed to purchase additional street sweepers in exchange for other projects targeted at paving dirt roads, and the money not spent would go into the general pot for allocation to remaining projects. He stated that Buckeye and Surprise have agreed that their requests would be advanced into the next cycle in September. Mr. Cleveland expressed appreciation to city staff and the business community for their support, time and expertise on this issue.

Paul Ward addressed members on the interim close out of the federal fiscal year 2003, with currently approximately \$11 million in MAG Federal funds available. Mr. Ward explained that in October 2002, the Regional Council approved the purchase of 10 out of a prioritized list of 21 PM-10 certified street sweepers, and the remaining 11 were made a priority for close out funds. He stated that on April 24, 2003, the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) recommended that the remaining street sweepers on the list should now be funded, in accord with Regional Council direction. The TRC also recommended that the City of Scottsdale should be allowed to purchase two street sweepers in exchange for another project targeted at paving dirt road shoulders. Mr. Ward stated that on May 8, 2003, the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee (AQTAC) concurred with the TRC recommendation and recommended that the

Town of Gilbert should also be allowed to purchase a street sweeper in exchange for CMAQ funded project targeted at paving a dirt road. Mr. Ward reviewed the timelines for remaining projects in the interim and final close outs. Chairman Ellis thanked Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Ward for their reports and asked if there were questions.

Chairman Ellis recognized public comment from Mr. Crowley, who stated that *The Arizona Republic* article in Sunday's paper was relevant to this agenda item and the next item, Draft MAG Carbon Monoxide Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan. It says "growth out of the edges." Mr. Crowley requested that completion of the Deck Park terminal be a close out project. He read from a letter dated October 31, 1995, that stated it would cost approximately \$12 million to finish the project. Mr. Crowley commented that citizens should have input into the selection of close out projects. He read from the October 3, 2001 Regional Council minutes where he offered comment that the State needs to be at the RPTA table. Mr. Crowley commented on the MAG briefing paper for the maintenance stakeholders that the State should be represented. He stated that the RPTA Management Committee met at the same time as the stakeholders. Mr. Crowley commented on the lack of communication and all need to work together and get the job done. Mr. Crowley stated that he did not see the interrelationship with transit and the State on Grand Avenue when bridges are being constructed. The improvements being made to Grand Avenue make it more difficult for transit riders to transfer, in some instances, having to walk half a mile to connect. Mr. Crowley commented on inaccuracies in his public comment as reported in the CTOC Annual Report. He stated that his comments were recorded as supporting the half cent sales tax, split between freeway and light rail. Mr. Crowley stated that is half the equation, the other half is pedestrian, bicycle, and transit. He stated that you need to listen to the public before you start the close out process. Mr. Crowley stated that he found it interesting that there was no population on the reservation yet, and let's keep it that way. Chairman Ellis thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Mr. Smith brought up another air quality problem in the PM-10 plan called the Salt River Monitor site. He advised that funding for that will need to be forthcoming so we will have no violations of the PM-10 standard after December. Mr. Smith noted that work continues with the City of Phoenix to identify the funding that will be needed for unpaved shoulders. He added that a recommendation is anticipated from the TRC to address funding to assist with remedying the problem.

Mr. Cleveland moved to recommend approval of the amendments to the FY 2003 Unified Planning Work Program and the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to fund the remaining street sweepers in the amount of \$1.6 million as shown in the attached Table One and allow the City of Scottsdale two additional street sweepers and the Town of Gilbert one additional street sweeper in exchange for other projects targeted at paving dirt roads. Mr. Pettit seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

9. Draft MAG Carbon Monoxide Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan

Lindy Bauer gave a presentation on the Draft MAG Carbon Monoxide Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan. The Plan demonstrates that the air quality standards will continue to be met through 2015. Ms. Bauer noted that no violations have occurred in the area since 1996, and MAG is requesting that the Environmental Protection Agency redesignate this area to attainment status. She reviewed the steps for redesignation to attainment. Ms. Bauer explained the

emission reductions achieved from individual maintenance measures. She stated that a public hearing was held on the Plan, and a transcript was sent to the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee (AQTAC) and the Management Committee. Ms. Bauer noted that the AQTAC had recommended approval of the Draft MAG Carbon Monoxide Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan at their meeting on May 8. Chairman Ellis thanked Ms. Bauer for her presentation and asked if there were questions.

Chairman Ellis recognized public comment from Ms. Barker, who stated that Ms. Bauer does a fine job. Ms. Barker commented that she did not believe in all things we say are being done in air quality. She stated that she served on a task force and she knew that some monitors are not working or reports are inaccurate. Ms. Barker stated that at the public hearing, Cari Anderson said that the CO problem is part of the bigger serious nonattainment area we have for carbon dioxide, ozone, and particulate matter. She commented on the lawsuit filed by the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest that will be heard in the ninth circuit court. Ms. Barker stated that delays have caused Phoenix to be left behind in solving air quality problems. Ms. Barker stated that she reviewed the 2003-2007 conformity document in the MAG library. There are five steps to be completed in regard to carbon monoxide. We are converting gas to make it less polluting, but this adds aldehydes that have carcinogens and mutagens. Ms. Barker commented that 41,000 off road vehicles are not registered. She added that not all control measures are in place. Ms. Barker's time expired. She stated that the good news is that we can get out of this. Multimodal can be fun. Chairman Ellis thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

Chairman Ellis recognized public comment from Mr. Crowley, who questioned whether we are getting the job done. He stated that he wanted to go after the most draconian people—you and your employees. Mr. Crowley stated that single occupant vehicles are the largest contributors to carbon monoxide. State, county, and city staff should get out of their cars and take an alternate form of transportation one day in five. Mr. Crowley commented that they should be part of the solution, not a part of the problem. He noted that an outcome of the Town Hall was that synchronized traffic signals are important. From what he has read, lagging left turns are the way to go. Chairman Ellis thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Mr. Hutchinson thanked Ms. Bauer for the years of hard work on this and the excellent presentations she has made to this group throughout to keep them informed.

Mr. Hutchinson moved to recommend adoption of the MAG Carbon Monoxide Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for the Maricopa County Nonattainment Area. Mr. Cleveland seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

10. Draft MAG Interim Projections of Population, Housing and Employment by Municipal Planning Area and Regional Analysis Zone for July 1, 2010, 2020, 2025, 2030 and 2040

Mr. Pettit, Chair of the Population Technical Advisory Committee (POPTAC) expressed his appreciation to member agency staff in compiling the information for the projections from their jurisdiction's information and plans. He acknowledged the assistance of Harry Wolfe, Rita Walton, and staff in the compilation. Mr. Pettit noted that the POPTAC had recommended acceptance of the draft MAG resident population, housing and employment projections by Municipal Planning Area (MPA) and Regional Analysis Zone (RAZ) for July 1, 2010, 2020, 2025, 2030 and 2040 for use as interim projections.



Mr. Wolfe gave a presentation on the draft interim projections. Mr. Wolfe stated that a State Executive Order requires us to prepare official projections every five years, and, the last set was approved in 1997, DES has not yet developed official county projections, which we use as control totals for our subregional projections. He added that we also need interim projections to support our transportation and other planning requirements; to respond to requests from government agencies and questions from the public. Mr. Wolfe stated that accurate projections require a solid foundation; and so MAG has worked very carefully with member agencies to establish good base data, assumptions and methods. A study area was established that extended into Pinal and Yavapai Counties reflecting growth over the county boundary and its impact on infrastructure in Maricopa County. Mr. Wolfe stated that MAG staff worked with member agency staff to collect and digitize existing and future land use data, and development data and modified the coverages as needed based on input received. Also collected were a variety of other base data such as employment by place of work. Each of the coverages were reviewed by our member agencies and revised as needed based on input received. Mr. Wolfe stated that when the Census data arrived in 2001, it was forwarded to member agencies for review. Census data was cross checked against the base data already compiled to ensure consistency and used the census for base population, housing and income information. He noted that MAG POPTAC participated in the projections process, but often other experts such as village planners, transportation planners and economic development staff were brought in. Mr. Wolfe stated that POPTAC either reviewed or approved data, assumptions and draft projections on 51 separate occasions. Mr. Wolfe explained that a three tier modeling process was used in the projections. Because DES has not yet developed County Population Projections, interim County projections were approved, which were accepted last month. These interim County Projections were based on the work done by ASU and the Uof A for the Department of Economic Strategies study. We have a sub-regional model that allocates the population to 147 Regional Analysis Zones; and a Small Area Model to further allocates the projections down to more than 2,000 Traffic Analysis Zones. Mr. Wolfe reviewed the presentations and workshops that were held. Mr. Wolfe stated that the next steps are for Regional Council to accept the projections, to work with DES to expedite official county projections, to work with our member agencies to keep the data updated, and to prepare for official projections.

Mr. Buskirk asked for clarification if the projections would remain as interim projections until DES develops their official control totals. Mr. Wolfe replied that was correct.

Mr. Fairbanks asked if the numbers were done annually or would these be used for the next five years. Mr. Wolfe replied that they would not be used for the next five years, that we are waiting for DES to provide the county control totals, which are anticipated after they receive some census numbers this summer. Mr. Fairbanks asked if the projections being recommended today would be used for the next five years or re-adopted next year. Mr. Wolfe replied that when DES provides the official projections, MAG's projections would be revised and adopted. Mr. Fairbanks asked if those projection numbers would be for one year or five years. Mr. Wolfe replied that the way the Executive Order reads, the official projections are done every five years. Whether changes occur or can interpret or allow for updates. Mr. Fairbanks asked if the availability of water was analyzed. Mr. Wolfe replied that based on the experts consulted, it has been determined that there is more than enough water for a projected 7.3 million population in 2040. As far as individual cities, the projections are based on individual jurisdiction's plans. Unless a jurisdiction's plan indicated an issue on available water, we did not constrain it. Mr. Wolfe stated that there was one case where a jurisdiction indicated they would not supply water

to a particular area, so no population was allocated to that area. Mr. Fairbanks asked for clarification that Mr. Wolfe said that some cities may have considered water, but MAG had not done an analysis on a city-by-city basis. Mr. Wolfe stated that MAG went through each general plan and did a review of the water sections to see what they assumed. Mr. Fairbanks asked if staff confirmed that sufficient water had been shown to support the projections included in the plans? Mr. Fairbanks stated that he asked these questions because we are in a drought and have massive growth. As city managers, it is our responsibility to provide the basic necessities for people to live. He indicated that he was going to abstain from the vote if the projections were for just one year, figuring an analysis could be done next year. He added that if we hold to five years, he could not support them, unless he knew an analysis on the availability of water had been done to support these populations. Mr. Wolfe clarified that these are interim, and the official DES numbers would be brought forward later for approval, and they were the projections that would be used for five years.

Mr. Smith stated that hopefully, DES would provide their official projections within this calendar year, after which the interim projections would be revised and adopted. According to the Executive Order, those would be the projections for five years. Mr. Smith acknowledged that the farther out the projections, the more difficulties arise. Mr. Smith proposed keeping the projections to a 2030 level, which is necessary for the development of the RTP.

Mr. Pettit pointed out that the projections were predicated on each jurisdiction's general plans. In addition, Growing Smarter has requirements relating to water resources. Mr. Pettit stated that MAG staff and POPTAC did not audit each jurisdiction's general plans to verify the jurisdiction's results, but relied on what the community reported.

Mr. Fairbanks expressed his appreciation to Mr. Pettit and his committee's work. He stated that he realized that the final numbers had not been provided yet. Mr. Fairbanks expressed concern that when we get the state numbers and they are different, they will be proportionately bumped up or down, and he was not sure that those numbers will be the magical fix.

Mr. Cleveland suggested adopting the projections as interim until the official DES numbers are provided. He asked if staff could go through the iteration applying a water constraint to that analysis? Mr. Wolfe replied that was possible. Where there was a question of water availability raised, we can take that into account in making that adjustment.

Mr. Smith commented that the Management Committee could request in the motion that in two to three months specific water plans could be requested from member agencies to support the projections.

Chairman Ellis recognized public comment from Mr. Crowley, who commented on the MAG Urban Atlas. He stated that he did not see private and state land holdings and how that relates to expansion. He stated that *The Arizona Republic* article mentioned that Cave Creek's population will double in 40 years, and a future annexation project will bring Phoenix into Yavapai County. Mr. Crowley commented that lessons learned from similar growth patterns, such as in the Los Angeles basin, were applicable to this region. He stated that the Whispering Ranch development in Wickenburg does have sufficient water. Mr. Crowley stated that there are different water arterials in the West Valley. He commented that he was glad there was concern about Yavapai and Pinal Counties, but he worried about LaPaz and Yuma Counties,

because that is the direction the growth is going. Mr Crowley commented that he appreciated Mr. Fairbanks's input, because if we do not have the water, what is going to happen? You cannot build on federal land, so you need to look at the land that can be developed. Chairman Ellis thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Mr. Beasley asked if additional analysis is done on water capacity, how would that impact the development of the Regional Transportation Plan? Mr. Smith responded that the third draft of the projections are being used in modeling right now. He added that the farther out we go, the more questions there are on projections. Mr. Smith suggested bringing back the projections to 2030, which would eliminate some questions, and still help accomplish our goal. Mr. Beasley commented that if water is a criteria, how about signed contracts, funding balance, CIPs, etc. He stated that we need to be up front about what information will be requested and what will be done with that information. Mr. Smith replied that we are looking for water information for the next approval of official projections and the interim projections will stand as is. He added that when we get the DES county control number, the POPTAC would be working with member agencies and come up with a methodology. Mr. Smith noted that cities have general plans that show sufficient water to a certain year and plans to go further out.

Mr. Manley asked if you took the interim projections and assumed there was necessary expansion in water facilities and compare that to the water supply now, would there be water to support the projections right now? Clarification was given that there would be sufficient water to support 10 million in the region.

Mr. McDermott asked Mr. Smith that by using projections to 2030, what is needed for the RTP is available and it eliminates a decade of unknown. Mr. Smith replied that was correct.

Mr. McDermott moved to accept the draft MAG resident population, housing and employment projections by Municipal Planning Area (MPA) and Regional Analysis Zone (RAZ) for July 1, 2010, 2020, 2025, and 2030 for use as interim projections. Mr. Cleveland stated that he would second the motion and suggested adding within the next two months staff work with member agencies to get the level of detail to address issues that have been raised on water that would reaffirm the adequacy of water for the population numbers projected.

Chairman Ellis asked Mr. McDermott, as maker of the motion, if Mr. Cleveland's addition to the motion was acceptable. Mr. McDermott indicated his agreement. Chairman Ellis asked if there were questions.

Mr. Evertsen commented on leaving in 2040 projections. These projections come from general plans with additional variables, but they help in answering questions. Mr. Evertsen commented that eliminating 2040 would eliminate the need for reevaluation of general plans.

Chairman Ellis asked for clarification when the numbers would be finalized. Mr. Wolfe replied that it was contingent upon the DES control total becoming available. He stated that he had requested that DES put together a schedule and have a contingency plan ready if the census figures were not forthcoming.

Mr. Cleveland advised staff to look at both 2030 and 2040 numbers to be able to address questions.

The vote taken on the motion passed, with Mr. Fairbanks voting no, and Mr. Evertsen abstaining.

11. 2005 Population Options Status Report

Mr. Pettit stated that the Governor has signed legislation that allows communities the choice of using of a Census survey or DES approved population estimates for the distribution of state-shared revenues in lieu of a Special Census. He added that the Management Committee on 2005 Population Options will meet May 16 and hope to distribute numbers as early as next week. The report will include costs and distribution of revenue, pros and cons of each option, including DES derived estimates. Chairman Ellis thanked Mr. Pettit for his report.

12. Draft FY 2004 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Ms. Kimbrough addressed the Committee on the Draft FY 2004 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. She stated that in December 2002, MAG initiated a new budget process that provided additional time for review of the major elements of the FY 2004 budget by the Management Committee, Executive Committee and Regional Council at their monthly meetings. The draft Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget was presented in March. Ms. Kimbrough stated that in April, modifications were made to one consultant project, which will be discussed at the May 21 Transportation Policy Committee meeting. She added that discussion has also been held with the Executive Committee regarding having MAG join the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS). Ms. Kimbrough stated that the Executive Committee approved MAG joining ASRS at their May 13 meeting. Ms. Kimbrough noted that if the retirement change is made, the overall 2004 budgeted costs would not change.

Mr. Smith stated that the Executive Committee clarified that we be explicit with staff about the rate of contribution. He added that the majority of staff indicated that it was still their preference to join.

Mr. McDermott asked for clarification of the remainder. Ms. Kimbrough replied that currently, MAG contributes ten percent of an employee's salary to ICMA; with the State Retirement System, MAG would contribute 5.7 percent, so MAG expenses would decrease. A one time adjustment to the salary base will be made because staff will have to begin making a 5.7 percent contribution to the ASRS.

Chairman Ellis noted that the Executive Committee had already approved MAG joining the ASRS.

Mr. McDermott asked about the one time adjustment that would boost the base salary 5.7 percent. Ms. Kimbrough replied that the amount that would be added is the difference between ten percent and 5.7 percent, which amounts to less than 4.3 percent.

Mr. Cleveland noted that this would mean a 1.4 percent hit to staff salaries. He asked for clarification that 11.4 percent would be the total of the contributions. Ms. Kimbrough replied that was correct.

Chairman Ellis asked if this was the only salary adjustment. Ms. Kimbrough replied that a five percent performance increase is used to project the budgeted salaries. The actual increase

depends upon the employee's performance evaluation. Mr. Smith stated that the one time adjustment was approved by the Executive Committee. From now on, the only increase would be from the performance evaluation.

Mr. Hutchinson moved to recommend approving the resolution adopting the FY 2004 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the member dues and assessments, and to amend the FY 2003 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the FY 2003 Transportation Improvement Program to incorporate the FY 2003 Surface Transportation Improvement Program funds identified in the FY 2004 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. Mr. Cleveland seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Smith noted that included in the Work Program is an organizational chart. He said that two promotions were included, Eric Anderson as Transportation Director, and Lindy Bauer as Environmental Director. Mr. Smith explained that they will act in the Assistant Director capacity if he is out of the office.

13. Legislative Update

Mr. Smith stated that HB 2292 passed the House and Senate and the Governor signed the bill. This legislation opens the way for a 2004 election on the half cent sales tax. Mr. Smith added that the target election date is May 18.

14. Management Committee Nomination Process

Mr. Smith stated that in May 2002, the Management Committee approved having the outgoing Chair of the Management Committee be responsible for working with members to nominate a manager for the Vice Chair position, and the current Vice Chair would be nominated for the position of Chair. At the meeting, it was acknowledged that the tradition was for officers to serve two one-year terms, and that the positions rotate to achieve geographic balance. In June 2002, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee were elected. This June, both officers will have served a one year term. In June, the election of officers will be held.

14. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity was provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Mr. Buskirk announced that a Reauthorization Summit will be held May 28 at the Mesa Sheraton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary